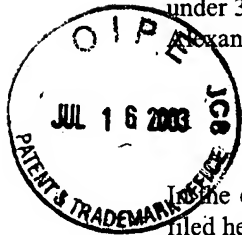


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Madam:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, namely, claims 1-10. This election is made without traverse and without prejudice to Applicants filing a divisional application to the non-elected claims.

Accordingly, a prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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